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Dear Examiner Alaubaidi,

Further to our telephone conference today and as requested, I have enclosed a brief outline of discussion points. I hope that this outline will lead to a brief personal or telephonic interview regarding this application and the applied reference prior to the November 14, 2002 due date.

I look forward to receiving your return call.

Best regards,

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Bullet Outline of Discussion Points
Examiner Interview
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/672,304

The Claimed Invention

- Solves the problem of untimely web crawler index updates
 - avoids updating too soon and too late
- Determines when to conduct a follow-up Index update for a file based upon data within a previous download of a that file
- Sets an access time for a second file based on data downloaded from a first file.

The Applied Reference

- Solves the problem of updating a file when it is not necessary
- Conducts periodic searches
- Includes a notification system that indicates a file has been updated and ensures that the next web crawl encounters the updated file.
- Analyzes each file before download to determine whether a previous download is just as current (using timestamps)

The Differences

- The applied reference does not "set an access time"
 - No mention of the time when a file will be accessed
 - Only directed to determining whether a file will be accessed
- The applied reference is directed to a different problem
 - minimizes latency by preventing crawling of files unless they have been updated